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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

E.O. 11652: TAGS: PFOR, SA, US

SUBJ: ORAL MESSAGE FOR KING KHALID RE POSTPONEMENT OF SECRETARY'S
VISIT

1. PLEASE CONVEY ORAL MESSAGE TO KING KHALID AND PRINCE FAHD ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY EXPRESSING HIS SINCERE REGRET THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA ON WEDNESDAY AS PLANNED. AS A RESULT OF TALKS MONDAY WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM, THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS INCREASED RAPIDLY. NEITHER SIDE WISHES SECRETARY TO INTERRUPT THE SHUTTLE AT THIS STAGE, AND IT IS HIS OWN JUDGMENT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS. THE SECRETARY MUST RETURN TO ALEXANDRIA TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND THEN COME BACK TO ISRAEL ON WEDNESDAY FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS HERE.

2. IF IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO HIS MAJESTY, THE SECRETARY STILL VERY MUCH WANTS TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND HOPES THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TOWARD THE END OF HIS TRIP, PERHAPS AROUND SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 OR SUNDAY, AUGUST 31. SECRETARY WOULD APPRECIATE AN PRELIMINARY INDICATION HIS MAJESTY CAN GIVE AS TO WHETHER A VISIT AROUND THAT TIME WOULD BE CONVENIENT IF TIME STILL PERMITS. IN ASCERTAINING THIS PRELIMINARILY, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR HIGHLY TENTATIVE NATURE OF THE ABOVE SO THAT IN THE EVENT A TRIP DOES NOT BECOME POSSIBLE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S RETURN TO THE U.S., SAUDI LEADERSHIP

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